

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 89

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Recognizing the outstanding
6 service and ability of Mr.
7 Robert L. Bennett and endorsing
8 him for the position of United
9 States Commissioner of Indian
10 Affairs.

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

12 WHEREAS Mr. Phileo Nash has resigned as United States Com-
13 missioner of Indian Affairs; and

14 WHEREAS it is of paramount importance to the United States
15 and particularly to all Indians of the United States that the
16 person selected to replace the commissioner possess the greatest
17 possible ability and competence; and

18 WHEREAS the Legislature of the State of Alaska has had ample
19 opportunity to carefully assess the abilities and competence of
20 Mr. Robert L. Bennett, Alaska Area Director of the Bureau of
21 Indian Affairs for four years; and

22 WHEREAS Mr. Robert L. Bennett, in his handling of the complex
23 and profound problems involved in the administration of Indian
24 affairs and in his 32 years' experience with the Bureau of Indian
25 Affairs, has proven himself to possess ability and competence of
26 the highest level;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska
28 endorses the Honorable Robert L. Bennett for the position of
29 United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

1 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable
2 Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States; the Honorable
3 Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Wayne
4 N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular
5 Affairs; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Com-
6 mittee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and the Honorable E. L.
7 Bartlett and the Honorable Ernest Gruening, U. S. Senators, and
8 the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, U. S. Representative, members of
9 the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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